

IN THE CLAIMS: Please cancel Claim 13 without prejudice, amend Claim 12, and add Claims 29 and 30 as follows, illustrated in "clean" format:

B7 12. (Amended/Clean) The exhaust system converter of claim 1, wherein said catalyst comprises an oxidation catalyst.

B8 29. (New) The exhaust system converter of Claim 1, wherein said first endplate is disposed in spaced relation to said first end portion.

30. (New) The exhaust system converter of Claim 25, wherein said first endplate is disposed in spaced relation to said first end portion, and said second endplate is disposed in spaced relation to said second end portion.